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SUBJECT: WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - JAPAN JUNE 8, 1978

TO: EA - MR. HOLBROOKE

FROM: EA/J - NICHOLAS PLATT

1. PLANNING TALKS (CONFIDENTIAL)

THE TWENTY FOURTH SESSION OF THE U.S.-JAPAN PLANNING TALKS, HELD JUNE 5-6, WAS AMONG THE MOST SUCCESSFUL EVER. NEW PLANNING DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR GENERAL OTSUKA AND ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL NISHIYAMA WERE PARTICULARLY CANDID AND ARTICULATE DURING THE SESSIONS, ASKING SEARCHING AND CRITICAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE IMPLEMEN-
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TATION OF U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY AND THE LINKAGE ISSUE. THEY ARE ALSO FRANK ABOUT SOME OF THEIR OWN ISSUES, MOST NOTABLY THE PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY WITH THE PRC, WHICH NISHIYAMA DESCRIBED AS INTRINSICLY FAR LESS IMPORTANT THAN THE PRESS MADE IT OUT TO BE. OTSUKA ESTABLISHED A GOOD RAPPORT WITH TONY LAKE. THE NEXT TALKS ARE LIKELY TO OCCUR SOMETIME NEXT SPRING IN TOKYO.

2. NUCLEAR TALKS (CONFIDENTIAL)

A DELEGATION FROM TOKYO (INCLUDING FOREIGN MINISTRY, MITI AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES) MET ALL DAY ON WEDNESDAY WITH JOE NYE, LARRY SCHEINMAN, LOU NOSENZO AND OTHERS FROM T AND OES TO DISCUSS A WIDE RANGE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY ISSUES. IN HIS PRESENTATION, NYE FOCUSED ON OUR EFFORTS TO SEEK A NEW CONSENSUS ON PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY LEADING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR ENERGY REGIME THAT WILL LAST THROUGH THIS CENTURY. THE JAPANESE CONCENTRATED ON ISSUES OF PRIMARY INTEREST TO JAPAN (NUCLEAR FUEL SUPPLY, REPROCESSING AND THE ISSUANCE BY THE USG OF MB-10'S, AND STORAGE OF SPENT FUEL AND NUCLEAR WASTES, ETC.) THE TALKS ENABLED US TO BRING THE JAPANESE UP TO DATE ON OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH MAJOR MEMBERS OF THE SUPPLIERS GROUP AIMED AT TIGHTENING CONTROLS ON THE SUPPLY OF NUCLEAR FUEL AND THE TRANSFER OF NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY. THE TALKS ALSO CONSTITUTED A BEGINNING OF DISCUSSIONS WITH JAPAN ON THE PROBLEM OF REACHING A FOLLOW-ON AGREEMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF TOKAI MURA TO REPLACE THE TWO-YEAR AGREEMENT REACHED BY AMBASSADOR SMITH LAST AUGUST. NYE TOLD THE JAPANESE DELEGATION THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN DETAILED DISCUSSIONS ON A NEW TOKAI MURA AGREEMENT EARLY THIS SUMMER. YATABE, THE DELEGATION LEADER, UNDERTOOK TO HAVE THE JAPANESE SIDE

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PROPOSE A DATE IN THAT TIME FRAME FOR THE DISCUSSIONS TO BEGIN.

3. GAO REPORT RECOMMENDS LOWER USFJ PAY FOR JAPANESE (LOU)

THE GAO PUBLISHED A REPORT MAY 31 ENTITLED "DOD PAY PRACTICES FOR JAPANESE NATIONALS SHOULD BE CHANGED." THE REPORT ASSERTS THAT DOD'S JAPANESE EMPLOYEES ARE REMUNERATED MORE GENEROUSLY THAN THOSE IN THE JAPANESE PRIVATE SECTOR. IT RECOMMENDS THAT THE SECRETARIES OF STATE AND DEFENSE SEEK MORE EQUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS. IMPLEMENTING ACROSS-THE-BOARD PAY REDUCTION WOULD BE POLITICALLY DIFFICULT AND CERTAINLY WILL NOT HELP OUR COST-SHARING EFFORTS. MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO JUDGE THE RELATIVE MAGNITUDE OF USFJ LOCAL NATIONAL PAY SCALES. WE HAVE SENT COPIES OF THE REPORT TO THE EMBASSY, ASKING FOR COMMENT.

4. UN UNIVERSITY (LOU)

IO IS CURRENTLY HOLDING WEEKLY MEETINGS WITH UNU RECTOR JIM HESTER TO DISCUSS TACTICS FOR APPROACHING CONGRESS IN

SUPPORT OF A US CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNU. HESTER IS BEING ASSISTED IN THIS EFFORT BY FRANK VALEO (FORMER SECRETARY OF THE SENATE) AND JOHN RICHARDSON (FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS). IO PLANS TO CONTINUE THESE MEETINGS AT LEAST UNTIL THE HIRC HAS ITS MARK UP FOR THE FOREIGN AID BILL (EXPECTED LATE THIS MONTH OR EARLY IN JULY). HESTER SEEMS PLEASED WITH THE SUPPORT BEING GIVEN.

5. STAINLESS STEEL FLATWEAR: SHIFTING COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGE (UNCLASSIFIED)

THE GOVERNOR OF NIAGATAPREFECTURE AND MAYOR OF TSUBAME CITY CALLED ON ME TO ASK THAT THE USG NOT IMPOSE TARIFFS
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OF UP TO 50 PERCENT ON IMPORTED STAINLESS STEEL FLATWARE AND TO SUGGEST THAT WE SHOULD IMPOSE COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY QUOTAS OR AN ORDERLY MARKETING AGREEMENT. (ALMOST ALL JAPANESE EXPORTS OF STAINLESS STEEL FLATWARE ARE FROM NIIGATA THE PROBLEM FOR THEM IS THAT THEY CAN'T COMPETE ANY LONGER WITH KOREA OR TAIWAN -- JAPAN'S EXPORTS TO US ARE STEADY AT ABOUT 13 MILLION DOZEN, WHILE KOREA'S WENT FROM 7 TO 25 MILLION BETWEEN 1975 AND 1977. I SAID THAT WE WOULD STUDY THEIR REQUEST CAREFULLY.

6. VISA PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY AMERICAN LAWYERS (LOU)

YOU WILL REMEMBER THAT WE MENTIONED LAWYER RICHARD WALLACE'S DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING A VISA TO GO TO TOKYO AS LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE FOR BAKER AND MCKENZIE. ON JUNE 7, MR. WALLACE ADVISED EA/J THAT THE VISA HAD BEEN ISSUED. THE JAPANESE EMBASSY INFORMED EA/J THAT ALL JAPANESE CONSULATES HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO EXPEDITIOUSLY ISSUE VISAS TO US LAWYERS SEEKING TO ENTER JAPAN. VANCE

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